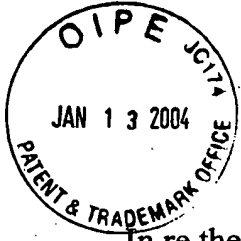


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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated August 22, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as set forth below. This response complies with the amendment format as set forth in 68 Fed. Reg. 38611 dated June 30, 2003.

Remarks are submitted beginning on page 2.